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BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

March 2, 2009

RE: Urgent Regional Economic Recovery Work Plans

Dear Stakeholder:

We are writing to follow up on the February 9, 2009 letter you received from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's Secretary Dale E. Bonner regarding your participation in your Regional Economic Recovery Work Plan. We have had a very positive response from leaders across the state and are pleased to report that efforts are now under way in every region to develop Regional Economic Recovery Work Plans with the consensus among stakeholders in each region. Thank you for your help and leadership in this effort. We know that it will take a united and collaborative effort to meet the first deadline of having Regional Work Plan drafts completed by April 1, 2009.

Now that the Federal Stimulus bill (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) has been signed by the President, more details are coming to light of how California and our regions, counties and cities can apply for and use those funds. It is now more important than ever that we all work together to leverage our resources to bring as much money as possible back to California. By working together to identify the most promising, shovel-ready and impactful projects across our state, we can help make our various grant applications as strong as possible. While we believe this cooperative process has the ability to yield great benefits for California, it is by no means mandatory for any organization or local government.

Attached to this cover letter you find the following additional materials which will be helpful for your involvement in your region's work plan:

- 1. A contact list of the regions in the state and the organizations coordinating the effort to draft the Regional Economic Recovery Work Plans
- 2. The Guidelines (an overview of the purpose for these Regional Economic Recovery Work Plans)
- 3. The Suggested Format (a template for drafting each region's work plan)
- 4. A sample Economic Analysis Framework for transportation projects (to assist in measuring the economic impact of the various projects in each region)

Thank you again for your support of this effort to help our state grow and recover in a sustainable way that provides as much impact as possible for all of our communities. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of us at (916) 323-5400.

Sincerely,

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